

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, March 28, 1727.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, March 21.

Hague, March 25.

Count Coningsbeck the Emperor's Minister here, having got the Memorial presented to the King of Great Britain by M. de Palm, and the secret Treaty between the Emperor and the King of Spain, signed at Vienna the 25th of April 1725, privately printed, he has employed himself some Days past in distributing Copies thereof, first to the President of their High Mightinesses Assembly, and then to the Foreign Ministers and other Persons of Distinction. How such a Step as this will be resented at the Court of France, we know not; but are afraid it will check the good Endeavours, whereof they have not been sparing, to procure at least a Suspension and Preliminary Accommodation. For their High Mightinesses Part, who were not unacquainted with the Contents of that Memorial and Letter, they were shock'd to the last Degree, at the Communication of them in such a Manner, it being in their Esteem one of the highest Insults that could be offered to their Friend and Ally the King of Great Britain.

Bristol, March 15. There is a Discourse, that some Privateers will speedily be fitted out to cruize on the Spaniards in the West Indies. Our Sailors keep up for fear of the Press, and will not enter themselves in any Ships. but those who have Protections.

London, March 21. 'Tis wrote from Bilbao the 15th Instant N. S. That the Ships which composed the Fleet from the Havaga, were all arrived as follows, viz. four at Cadix, one at St. Andero, nine at the Groyne, and four at Ferral near the Groyne. There is a Report that Sir Charles Wager hath sail'd in with some Ships of the Flotilla on the Spanish Coast; for Confirmation of which, we must wait for our next Advices from abroad.

Riga, March 9. It freezes here harder than ever. Orders are come from Court, not to admit into the Harbours of this Country, any Ships coming from the Mediterranean, Spain, or Portugal, for fear they should bring the Plague.

Paris, March 16. They write from the Camp at St. Roche, That on the 2d Instant the Besiegers had finished their Works and perfected their Trenches, having already 50 Cannon mounted, and several Mortars, which fire continually against the Town, from whence they are doly answered by the besieged, who particularly with Mortars, have done a World of Mischief. The same Letters add, That Part of the British Ships which were in the Road, have put to Sea and sailed through the Straights. The Queen has ordered a Lamp of extraordinary Largeness and Beauty to be made, with six Candlesticks and a Cross of the same Metal, her Majesty intends to present to the Church of *Nostre Dame*.

Vienna, March 12. The last Letters out of Bohemia, confirm the March of the Imperial Troops design'd to form a Camp near Oppenheim in the Lower Palatinate, 2 Leagues from Mayence. They consist of 14 Squadrons, and 12 Battallions; amongst the Squadrons, are two of Prince Eugene's Dragoons, 2 of Rabutin, 2 of Philippi, 2 of Cuirassiers of Hamilton, 2 of Caraffa, and 2 of Prince Frederick of Wirtemberg. The Foot consists of 2 Battallions of Daun, 2 of Herberstein, 2 of Sickengen, 2 of Wiltseck, 2 of Guido Staremburg, and 2 of Nicolas Palfr. Some particular Letters from Rome say, that the Cardinal de Polignac had explained to the Pope, the Reasons the French King had to remain firm to the Hanover Alliance, and of his Endeavours to preserve Peace in Europe.

From the London Gazette, March 21.

Lisbon, March 10. On the 2d Instant a Spanish Advice-boat from the Havana, but last from the Canaries, put in here: It is a small Vessel of about 60 Tuns, and has only 8 Chests on board, with 3000 Dollars each. The Master went immediately Express with Letters for Madrid. His Britannick Majesty's Ship the *Durley Galley*, Capt. Purvis, who brought the News of Hostilities being begun at Gibraltar, sails from hence in a few Days, with Money for supplying that Garrison and Portmahon.



From the Daily Journal, March 21.

Cádiz, Feb. 28. The English Ships stopped here, are only three: Upon Application to the Governor, the Masters obtained Permission to unload the Cargoes, and to receive the Values thereof; but not to sail till further Orders from Court.

London, March 21. We hear that the Viscounts Weymouth and Sanbury are going to be inoculated for the Small Pox.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, March 21.

Paris, March 26. The Count de-Beaurgen set out a few Days ago for Lille, to receive the Horses that are bought for remounting the Dragoons.

London, March 21. Two Men of War are ordered to be got ready to sail in a Fourtnight, to go cruize upon the Coast of Portugal, to proceed our Shipping from the Spanish Privateers.

On Friday last the Commissioners of the Navy freighted the *Sea Horse*, Captain Jackson, now in the River, to proceed forthwith to Gibraltar with Medicines, &c. for the Hospital there.

On Sunday at Noon, when the King returned from the Chapel, all the Commanders of the Companies of the Guards design'd for Gibraltar, took their Leave of his Majesty. They will embark Tomorrow or next Day. The Men belonging to the said Detachment have all had new Fire-arms delivered them from the Tower.

We hear that his Majesty has thanked the Duke of Richmond for offering to go a Volunteer to Gibraltar, and desired his Grace to desist from that Voyage.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key Yesterday.

Wheat, 23 to 34 per Quarter. Rye, 19 to 21. Barley, 19 to 21. Oats, 9 to 12. Horse Beans, 17 to 19. Garden Beans, 40 to 45. White Pease, 24 to 32. Pale Malt, 20 to 25--6. Brown ditto, 21 to 22--6. Rap-seed, 17 l. 10 sh. to 19 l. per Last. Hops, 2 l. 16 sh. to 3 l. 5 sh. per Hundred. Coals, 25 sh. to 26 sh. per Chaldron.

A Relation of the Arrival of the Spanish Flora, under Admiral Castagnetta.

Admiral Don Antonio de Castagnetta having received the last positive Orders from the King his Master, the 3d, 5th & 8th of January, caused the Fleet to be equipped and loaden, and was under Sail for Spain the 25th. The Fleet consisted of 22 Ships, viz. 10 Men of War, and 12 Merchant-Ships. As soon as he got out of the Gulph, he detached two Men of War and a Register Ship for

the Island of Barlevento; and with 8 Men of War, two of 40, two of 50, one of 60, two of 70, and one of 80 Guns, with 11 Merchant ships, proceeded with good Success to the Island of Bermudas.

The 12th of February the Fleet was got to the Latitude of 31 & 23, when there arose a sort of Hurricane from the North, with so heavy a Rain, besides the Quantity of Water which the Wind brought out of the Sea, that it was impossible to discover any Thing the Ship's Length; so that some of the Ships were obliged to turn to S. E. and others to leave themselves to the Will of the Waves: At 8 a clock in the Evening all the Ships were separated, not being able to discover any Signal, or follow any Firing, notwithstanding the Captains endeavour'd all the Ways possible to bring the Fleet together again, so that they could not proceed on the Rout proposed.

Admiral Castagnetta, and the Vice-Admiral Don Antonio Setano, arrived at Cadix the 5th of this Month, the first with a Ship of 70 Guns, the other with one of 60, with 2 Merchant-ships, and near Half the Loading of the Fleet.

On the 7th arrived in the Ports of Galicia the Vice-Admiral Don Rodrigo de Torres, with most of the Men of War and Merchant-ships, having on board about Half the Treasure. And we reckon the other Man of War and the three Merchant-ships are also arrived.

The Joy occasioned by the Arrival of this Fleet is so much the greater, in that they had the good Fortune not only to escape the Danger of the Season, but also the English Fleet.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, March 23.

Since our last arrived a Holland Mail.

THE Addresses from all Parts of the Kingdom, testify their utmost Abhorrence of the Insults and Indignities offered by the Emperor; and the zealous and vigorous Resolutions taken thereupon by the Parliament, have their due Weight and Influence. But, to our great Surprise, we are told, That the *Memorial* of Baron Palm, and Count Zinzendorf's *Letter* to that Minister, are printed at Vienna; and that the Emperor has caused his Minister at Ratisbon communicate the same to all the Ministers at the Diet: From whence 'tis concluded, That his Imperial Majesty is determined to break with the King of Great Britain.

They write from Hanover, that the Officers and

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Soldiers of that Electorate, were impatient for an Order from his Britannick Majesty, to march into the Field; to which Purpose, a Train of Artillery and all other Necessaries are already prepared; That the 12,000 Men which the Prince of Hesse-Cassel is to furnish, were ready to march on the first Notice. 'Tis assured that his Majesty will Command in Flanders if Need be; and the Earls of Orkney and Stairs are to serve under him; also 2 Battallions of the Guards, 20 Regiments of Foot, 2 of Horse and 4 of Dragoons. We may depend that when a War is once begun, it will be carried on by the Allies of Hanover, with that Force and Vigour, as will soon oblige the Emperor and his Allies to trundle to Terms, and obtain an honourable and lasting Peace: Tho' in the Remarks lately published, 'tis pretended amongst other Things, That in case of a new Treaty, certain Powers will be against us, in that important Article of Gibraltar and Portmahon, and in all particular Advantages of Commerce, which we have enjoyed, and may find it reasonable to pretend to: And 'tis even insinuated, that the late Duke of Orleans pretended a Promise touching Gibraltar; but the Falsity of this and other Insinuations, are fully shown from the great and timely Care taken by the Government, in enabling the Garrison of Gibraltar to withstand all Attempts that shall be made against that Place, by continually sending thither Recruits, Ammunition, Provisions, &c.

This Day the 10 Companies of Foot Guards marched thro' this City, and embarked at the Tower for Gibraltar; and a considerable Number of Brass Cannon, Mortars and all Sorts of Warlike Stores, are put on board the Transports, which carry over the foresaid Forces, amongst whom are diverse Volontiers.

Yesterday the Commissioners of the Victualling-office contracted for a large Quantity of strong Wine and Brandy, for the Use of the Baltick Squadron, which we hear is well Mann'd.

Our Trade to Portugal increases, tho' that to Spain is suspended. Mean-time the Commons read Yesterday a Bill the first Time, to enable the S. S. Company to take in Negroes in the Limits of the E. India Company, and to deliver them in at Buenos Ayres.

The same Day the Lords, pursuant to their Address, were presented with the Articles of War,

and the List of the late Promotion of Officers of the Army; which were refer'd to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill for punishing Mutiny and Desertion: And this Day the Lords passed the said Bill, as also that for paying off Part of the publick Debts. Nothing extraordinary this Day from the Commons.

Some Advices say, That the Spaniards continue to make a great Progress in the Siege of Gibraltar, and a Report runs, that they have taken Will's Battery. A Petition to the Admiralty is signed by a great many Merchants of this City, for Men of War to convoy their Homeward-bound Ships from the Leeward Islands and other Parts of America.

A great Retinue set out Yesterday with the Earl of Portmore for Gibraltar; whither Collonel Watson is going Engineer. S. S. Stock, 97, &c.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, March 23.

Hague, March 28. N. S. Private Letters from Madrid of the 11th Instant, give us Extracts of what the Count de las Torres wrote from the Camp of St. Roche the 6th, the Substance is, That he had received the heavy Artillery that stuck so long by the Way, together with almost all the Ammunition and Provisions for the Service he has engaged in; and thus having every Thing in readiness, has begun to Batter Gibraltar with his Cannon and Mortars; and the 4th he ordered 500 Men to storm the Fort on the Left of the Town, wherein, tho' there were 200 English, yet the Assaultants had so good Success, that with the Loss of about 60 Men, they carryed the Fort Sword in Hand; he adds that they were preparing all Things for a general Storm, but flatters himself that the Garrison will prevent it by a Capitulation.

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Paris, March 26. By the last Letters from Spain we have Advice, That the Spaniards had perfected their Trenches and Parallels, and were battering the Town with 50 Piece of Cannon and several Mortars from their Batteries, which are as near to the Town, as those of the Besiegers the last War when the Garrison was relieved and the Siege broke up. 'Tis said that General Verboom, a Dutchman who has the Direction of the Attack, is a much ablebier Ingeneer than any the French or Spaniards have when they besieged it. The Spaniards flatter themselves,

selves, that they shall be Masters of the Place by the End of March.

The British Ambassador here presses our Court to act with some Warmth, since the Spaniards have begun the War by besieging Gibraltar: But as Negotiations are on foot here with the Emperor, the Review of the Troops is put off for some Time, and the Discourses about forming several Camps early this Spring, seem rather to dwindle. From all which, People conceive great Hopes of Peace and Tranquillity.

Vienna, March 11. People still talk here of the Marriage of Don Carlos with one of the Archduchesses, who 'tis said is to have to her Portion, Sicily, the Mantuan and Milanese.

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*14. Just now come from Spain, a Parcel of large Bitter ORANGES, to be sold at Sixpence the Dozen, the best Sort at Eightpence: As also good LIMONS at Twelpence the Dozen: All to be Sold the first Lost above the Weigh-house in Leith, and no where else.

*15. At Muirhouse, three Miles North-west of Edinburgh, there is a Fine Large STALLION (of the Coach-kind) to serve Mares for this Season, at Half-a-guinea two Leaps and Half-a-crown to the Keeper.

*16. That there is a Piece of PLATE, to the Value of Twelve Pound sterl. set out by the Burgh of SELKIRK, to be run for upon the *Galla riggs*, near to the said Burgh, upon *Wednesday the Fifth of April 1727*, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry Eight Stone Troys Wt. allowing the Saddle, Bridle and Whip to be Part of the Weight; the best of Three Heats, each Heat to be twice out and in, being four short Miles. All the other Articles as formerly, and to be seen in the Town Clerk's Hands. The Horses to run for this Plate, being Three at least, must be in the Town of Selkirk, and entered and book'd by the Town-Clerk, Six Days before the Day of Running, together with the Colour & Name of the Horses: Which Horses so book'd, are to continue in Town from the Booking to the Running, and to pay Five Guineas of Inputs among 'em. There will be By-matches for Silver Spurs, or Saddles. As to the Day after the Silver Arrow belonging to the Burgh, is to be shot for either at Butts or Rovers, as shall be determined by the Magistrates.

*17. There is a convenient LODGING, well finished and furnished, with Coach-house, Stables, Hay-loft, and other Office-houses thereto belonging, with a pleasant Garden and Dovecot, in the South-end of Restalrig; To be Set at Candlemass or Whitsunday next. Enquire at the Author of this Paper.

*18. The Lands of GOGAR, lying in the Shire of Clackmannan and Parish of Alloa, are design'd to be sold by a vo-

luntar Roup, in the Months of May or June next. There is a well-contriv'd House thereon, having 16 Fire-rooms, Closets, &c. included, with a large Stable, Granary and other Office-houses, commodiously situate from the House, as the Gardens, and all the Places of Inclosures and Planting are; with a Dovecot, a Parterre well furnished with Variety of Ever-greens; From which lies a Belvedere of Beech and all other barren Planting, with Vissies terminating on some of the finest Seats on the River of Forth, such as Kenner, Clackmannan, Airth, Elphinston, Torwoodhead and Alloa. The Ground lies almost in the Form of a Semicircle, all arable or planted, to the Extent of 277 Acres, (the House standing near the Centre) a good deal of it already inclosed, and the Whole may be so at a very easy Expence, there being one of the best Free-stone Quarries in all the Country, on the East-part, which wants chiefly to be brought in. There is Clay to be had in several Places whereof good Brick has been already made, and the Clay at hand to be burnt for Manure: Also Limestone to be had from Alloa very cheap. The Ground is almost surrounded with Coal works, within less than half a Mile, or a Mile off it. The Land has been for a great many Years neglected, by occasional Incumbrances, and chiefly for want of Money to lay out on it; which may be done to evident Advantage, and the present Value doubled, by due Industry. 'Tis resolv'd by the Persons having Interest on this Estate, to enter into a private Bargain with any Purchaser, who shall make an Offer any Time before the First of May next. Further Information about this Affair, may be had from *Jamer Maceman*, Bookseller over-against the Cross, or from *Mr. William Voss*, at his Writing-chamber in Edinburgh. And in case that no Purchaser interpose, a new Advertisement shall be timeously given for the above voluntary Roup.

N. B. There is a Plan of the Whole to be seen, done by *William Boucher Gardner* at Abberhill; and another most exact Survey by the deceased *Thomas Harley Gardner* of Alloa.

*19. On the twentieth of April next, betwixt the Hours of ten and twelve in the Forenoon, in the House of William Binny present Provost of Forfar; Are to be exposed to a voluntar Roup the Lands of QUARRELHILL and NEW-MILL, lying upon the Side of the Water of Southesk, in the Forest of Platen, in the Parishes of Tanadice and Outhlaw, and in the Sheriffdom of Forfar. The Lands of Quarrelhill hold Blanche of the Crown, and are a Forty-shilling land, having a Vote in the Election of Commissioners to the Parliament. And the Newmill holds Feu of the Earl of Strathmore, for Payment of L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. Scots yearly. The yearly Rent of the said Lands is one Chaldier of Bear, 4 Bolls of Meal; whereof 4 Bolls of twice-sieel'd Meal paid by the Tenant at the Mill; L. 220 of Money, 76 Poultry, 24 Capons, and two good yearling Mill Swine. Out of which is to be paid L. 44, 9 sh. 6 d. Scots to the New College of St. Andrew's as Teind-duty: And the L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. of Feu-duty before mentioned. The Conditions of Roup, and Progress of Writs, may be seen in the Hands of *Mr. James Small*, Minister of the Gospel in Forfar, or in the Hands of the Town Clerk of Forfar.

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